

Land Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2008  
Acton Town Hall

Present: Jim Snyder-Grant, Peggy Liversidge, Nan Towle Millett, Bettina Abe, Bob Guba, Phil Keyes, Laurie Ullmann, Dave Cochrane, Joan Cirillo, Ann Shubert (minute taker)

Meeting Minutes: The November minutes were approved.

Parcel Coverage: Joan has been covering Nagog Cons. Area. Ann will now cover Nagog and Joan will be the steward of Wetherbee. Signs are needed on the kiosk at Wetherbee. Andrea has a color printer now and has all the information stored on her hard drive. Jim will work with Andrea on figuring out the laminating process. An Arrow T-50 staple gun is needed for putting the signs up and a small hammer will finish the job.

Bettina will be covering Pratts Brook.

Roy Dennington walks the Pacy land parcel and would be interested in being in charge of Pacy.

Joshua Haines lives near the Jenks parcel and is interested in being a steward there.

Projects: Bob and Phil want to get a trail flagged at the Pacy land as soon as possible. Some abutters have been infringing on the Pacy property by using it as a place for their hammocks, leaves, discarded xmas trees, and so forth. There is a place for cars to park at the Tupelo cul de sac.

The boardwalk between Douglas and Gates needs restoring. If CPA cannot give money for the project, perhaps LSCom can do the job with donations from them.

There was a large turnout of volunteers to help with the Guggins and Jenks boardwalks.

Shawn and his crew are available during the cold weather for doing such things as parking lot work. Many parking lots need work – Jenks, Newtown Road entrance to Grassy Pond, Nagog Hill Parking lot needs leveling out so it won't puddle, and Guggins needs upgrades. Trees along the wall at the back of the Grassy Pond field need clearing as well as some other downed trees around the field.

Also, 'Not a Through Trail' signs are needed for Great Hill. Also needed at Great Hill is a blazed trail from the road through the woods for people with dogs to use.

Chainsaws: There is a temporary moratorium on chainsaw use for insurance purposes. Jim will notify Andy Gatesman. Dean Charter will spend an hour in the woods with stewards to share his chainsaw wisdom. Chaps, earmuffs, and hat/helmet should be used when using chainsaws.

Insurance: Steve Andersen said letter to MIIA is needed regarding who is covered, and so forth. Volunteers may not be covered. If not, they should be notified of risks. Joan suggested that before the letter is sent other towns like Wayland and Weston should be contacted to see how they deal with protecting their people. Jim will check with Tom/Steve.

CORI checks for those working with young people should be in place. The form should be filled out and given to Andrea.

Schedule: LSCom will continue its' practice of meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Future Trails: The Quail Ridge people should be meeting with members of our committee to figure out the details of the easement trail.

Bob and Jim walked around the Sportsman's Club where there is an easement that will lead to the Bruce Freeman Rail trail. Robbins Brook will extend its' sidewalks to meet this easement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30. The next meeting will be held on January 21 at 4:00 PM.